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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION IN JAPAN TO NIXON VISIT

REF: [REDACTED]

KYODO NEWS AGENCY REPORTS FROM TOKYO THAT THE JAPANESE COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS AND THE BUDDHIST-ORIENTED KOMEITO PARTY HAVE AGAIN TURNED THUMBS DOWN ON A 3-774 EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND EMPEROR HIROHITO. THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS, THE ONLY OTHER OPPOSITION PARTY HAVE TAKEN AN EQUIVOCAL POSITION. THE COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS PUBLICLY OFFER VARIOUS HIGH-MINDED REASONS FOR THEIR STAND. ESSENTIALLY, HOWEVER, IT IS AN EXPRESSION OF THEIR BASIC OPPOSITION TO ANY REAFFIRMATION OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN ALLIANCE.

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